(2) The pay of an investigating officer, who may be called a Sub-Inspector, should not be less than Rs. 50, and the Police Inspectors should not be paid less than Rs. 100.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Police reports.

Mr. K. S. Santanam Iyengar, Closepet municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Some workable and reasonable time should be prescribed for the submission of A, B or C reports by the police, when cases are referred to them for investigation by Magistrates.

In British India only one month's time is allowed in such cases.

Mr. Santanam Iyengar represented that investigation of cases was being delayed for years together in many cases and that it was necessary to prescribe a time within which the Police should submit A and B reports, as has been done in some parts of British India.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Inspector-General of Police.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Prevention of cattle lifting.

(*a*) Mr. Nadig Bhima Rao, Channagiri taluk.
(*b*) Messrs. T. Gundappa and Venkataranga Setty, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Cattle lifting is on the increase every day. The hides of the stolen cattle are taken to the nearest *mandi* and transported by railway, before their owner gets any reliable information as to the whereabouts of the cattle. As, for this reason, the wet skins of the deceased animals cannot be produced, it is not possible to successfully lodge any criminal complaints in such cases. It is therefore proposed that a regulation to place the trade in hides under proper control may be framed providing the following safeguards :—

(1) Every person who owns a shop (*mandi*) for trading in hides should obtain a license for the purpose.

(2) A register bearing the taluk seal and signed by the Taluk Amildar should be maintained by him to show the daily transactions.

(3) The shop-keeper should not receive any wet skin of a deceased animal unless it is accompanied by a permit signed by the patel and other principal residents of a village giving details as to the owner of the animal, the skin of which is brought to the shop.

(4) The wet skins already in the possession of the shop-keeper should once for all be entered at the commencement in this register.

(5) Every village patel should similarly maintain a register furnishing the details of the skins allowed by him to be exported from the village.